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Preliminary Amendment Accompanying a Request for Continued Examination

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination. This Preliminary Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated April 19, 2005, for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending July 19, 2005, was set in which to respond. The following amendments and comments are submitted, and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that in view of the attached Request for Continued Examination, Filing Fee and Certificate of Mailing, this response is timely.

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